

Garden Tool Bag

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Fabric is from the Country Garden range by Fabric Freedom.

Requirements

1. Pink flowers in pots F389 col.1 - fat 1/8
 2. Pink flowers in garden F387 col.1 - fat 1/8
 3. Pink daisy F393 col.1 - fat 1/8
 4. Pink poppies F390 col.1 - fat 1/8
 5. Pink and yellow anemones F392 col.1 - fat 1/8
 6. Pink floral texture F391 col.1 - fat 1/8
 7. Green tonal garden F388 col.4 - fat 1/8
 8. Calico - 1.20m.
- Interfacing ½ m.
Wadding ½ m.

Cutting

From Fabric 1.

3 x 4½" x 4½" squares

From Fabric 2.

3 x 4½" x 4½" squares

From Fabric 3.

6 x 1½" x 4½" strips

6 x 1½" x 6½" strips

From Fabric 4.

6 x 1½" x 4½" strips

6 x 1½" x 6½" strips

From Fabric 5.

2 x 3¾" x 18½" strips

2 x 1½" x 18" strips

From Fabric 6.

2 x 1½" x 22¼" strips

2 x 1½" x 18" strips

From Fabric 7.

6 x 2½" x 6½" strips

From Fabric 8.

2 x 8½" x 22¼" strips for pocket lining

2 x 10½" x 18½" strips

2 x 3½" x 18½" strips

2 x 16¾" x 18½" rectangles

4 x 1" x 18" strips

4 x 2½" x 8½" strips

From Interfacing.

2 x 1½" x 18" strips

2 x 8" x 22¼" strips

From Wadding

2 x 16¼" x 18½" rectangles

Making up the bag.

Start by making the pockets. Take the squares of fabric 1 and add fabric 4. Sew one of the shorter strips of Fabric 4 to the left and right hand side of the square and then press back. Next add the longer strips to the top and bottom and press back.

Make up all 3 pocket pieces in this way.

Follow the above procedure using Fabrics 2 and 3.

As before, make up all 3 of the pocket pieces.

To the top of each of the squares, add the 2½" x 6½" strip of Fabric 7.

You are now ready to join the pocket pieces together. Alternate the fabrics, placing one design combination between two of the other ones.

Sew in rows with a 2½" x 8½" calico strip in between each square, pressing back as you go.

Sandwich together the pocket lining, interfacing and pocket front. You may wish to top stitch or tack the layers together.

Add the binding, made from Fabric 6, to the top of each pocket.

You will now start to make up the main part of the bag.

Take the 10½" x 18½" pieces of fabric 8 and sew the 3¾" x 18½" strips of fabric 5 to the top. Press back.

Take the pockets and mark a fine line down the middle of the cream calico fabric. This will be your sewing line.

Now on each pocket panel press 2 pleats, pleating as in *diagram 1*. You only need to pleat either side of the centre square. Refer to the main picture if you are unsure and then press well.

Take your front and back main panels and place onto the wadding, leaving ½" overlap of material at the top. By doing this you create a good turning point at the top.

Now place your pocket onto the bag, making sure that the pleats are well formed, and that the pocket pieces are lined up to the bottom of the bag. Pin into place.

There will be approximately 3" of wadding showing at the bottom, do not cut this away.

Carefully sew down the marked line on the calico. This joins your layers together and forms the pocket compartments.

Take the remaining cream strips and sew one to the bottom of each of your panels, then press back.

From the bottom left and bottom right of the front and back panels, cut out a 2½" square, this is for the mitred corners of the bag.

Place the two panels, right sides together and sew along the bottom edge, also sew along the left and right hand sides, leaving the cut out square corners.

Open up the corner squares. Bring the bottom seam to meet the side seams and then sew across to form the corners.

Turn right sides out.

Turn the top edge in $\frac{1}{2}$ " and pin into place.

Now take your lining fabric and cut out a $2\frac{1}{2}$ " square from both bottom corners.

Sew along the bottom edge and also sew along the left and right hand sides. Make your mitred corners as before.

Place the completed lining inside the bag.

Turn in the top of the lining to be level with the top of the bag and pin into place.

For both handles, sandwich together a strip of fabric 5, followed by interfacing and then a strip of fabric 6, right sides out. Make binding using the 1" strip of calico, by pressing in $\frac{1}{4}$ " on each side and then pressing in half. Attach this to either side of each handle.

Tuck the handles in between the outer bag and lining and top stitch the entire way around the top of the bag. Your bag is now complete.

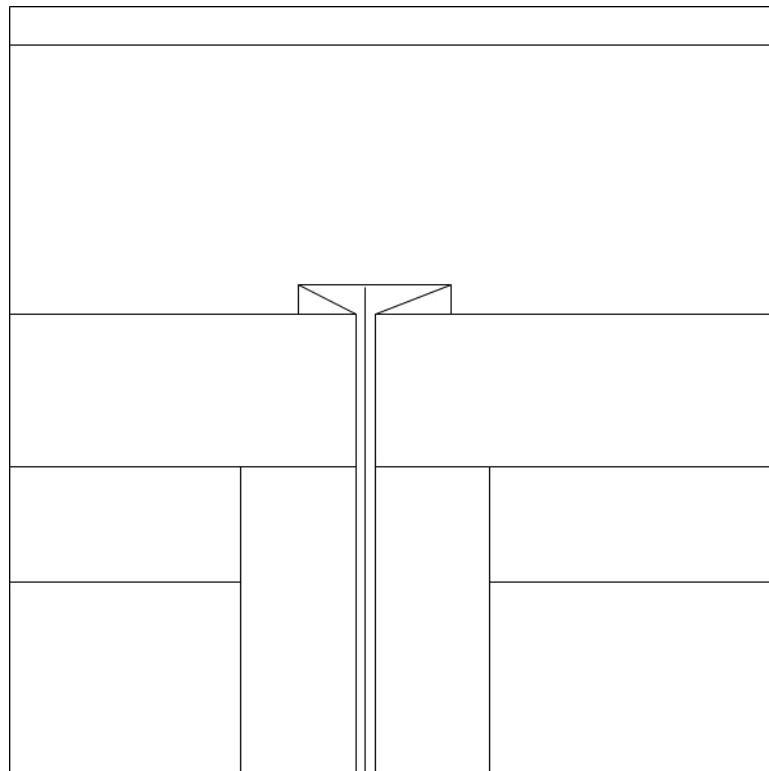


diagram 1.